(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has been regularly impressing upon the State Governments to motivate reputed NGOs to set up projects under the scheme.

Report of GoM on reservation in private sector

847. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers (GoM) set upto look into the matter of reservation of SCs/STs and backward classes in private sector has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(d) by when this report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Since no time-frame has been fixed for the Group of Ministers, there is no question of delay.

Funds for scholarships to SC students

848. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds granted for scholarships by Government to 69000 Scheduled Caste students in Andhra Pradesh is about Rs. 175 crores out of which Rs. 143 crores was still due by December, 2005; and

(b) if so, when the balance amount will be released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received. The Ministry releases funds to Government of Andhra Pradesh under

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes for providing scholarships to about 4 lakh students. A sum of Rs. 27.97 crore under the Scheme has already been released during the current financial year 2005-06. The State also has an unspent balance of Rs. 12.21 crore from the last year's grant. The Ministry meets the total expenditure made by the State Government in a year over and above their committed liability.

Financial crunch faced by SC/ST/BC organizations

849. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SC, ST and BC organizations are facing financial difficulties in implementing various schemes under each organization;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for each scheme in SCs/STs/BCs for each organization during the last two years State-wise;

(c) the funds utilized by the same;

(d) whether Government are willing to give more funds to implement the schemes without disruption; and

(e) if so, the modalities worked out in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Separate Secretariat for Safai Karmacharis

850. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state whether Government would create separate Secretariat at the Centre and issue directions to ail States to provide separate Secretariats for desired upliftment of Safai Karmachari community in the country considering their population and socio-economic condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): No, Sir.